

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**  
**Department of Planning and Development**  
**Memorandum**

**Date:** December 16, 2009

**To:** Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission

**From:** Olivia Hough, Department of Planning and Development

**Subject:** Amended *Jordan Valley Park and Jordan Valley Concept Plan and Design Guidelines*

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**PURPOSE:** To accept the amended *Jordan Valley Park and Jordan Valley Concept Plan Design Guidelines* and make a recommendation for city council approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Concept Plan development and implementation for Jordan Valley began in the late 1990's as a result of the Vision 20/20 planning process out of which the citizens resolved that Jordan Valley would be a centralized community gathering place with a vision to "...create a sense of place or identity, commemorate and reflect unique qualities of the region, integrate and connect amenities, revive a sense of civic importance, add value to the community, reinvent and reenergize itself with each generation, remain timeless..." among many other economic and community benefits. The original Jordan Valley Park Concept Plan and Design Guidelines (Concept Plan) was adopted by city council on September 6, 2005. During 2006 and 2007 a visioning and planning process was undertaken by the Jordan Valley Advisory Committee and lead by Fred May, aimed at reengaging the community and focusing the vision for Jordan Valley particularly for development of the Quarry, East Meadows, and West Meadows. This input process resulted in the planning document *A Vision for Jordan Valley* accepted by city council July 30, 2007. City council directed the City Manager and staff to prepare necessary amendments to the Concept Plan in conformance with the findings in *A Vision for Jordan Valley*. Revisions to the original Concept Plan have been underway since March 2008 to update the Concept Plan to ensure that it reflects the concepts and recommendations within *A Vision for Jordan Valley*. This revised Concept Plan has been reviewed by the Jordan Valley Staff Team, the Jordan Valley Advisory Committee, and input was sought through the Springfield Greene County Park Board. The Jordan Valley Advisory Committee adopted the amended *Jordan Valley Park and Jordan Valley Concept Plan and Design Guidelines* November 12, 2009 and recommended city council approval. The Springfield Greene County Park Board approved the sections of the plan under the Parks Department management on December 3, 2009.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

The amendments to the *Jordan Valley and Jordan Valley Park Concept Plan and Design Guidelines* ensure that the plan is compatible with the concepts and recommendations within *A Vision for Jordan Valley*, and also reflects the existing development conditions within the Jordan Valley planning area boundaries, current status of projects, and includes general updates to reflect new project terminology.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff and the Jordan Valley Advisory Committee recommend approval.